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Defence Minister Peres talks over the situation with young Arabs in a Nablus cafe yesterday. (Israel Sun)

Hebron mayor threatens to quit; business strike in E. Jerusalem

By ANAN SAFADI
Additional policemen and troops to reinforce security forces in Jerusalem and the West Bank yesterday to prevent attempts by agitators to exploit the Muslim Sabbath prayers to climax the week-long unrest in the area.

Muslim leaders declared today as the "Day of al-Aksa" in protest against what they claim are attempts to pray at the Temple Mount.

Security forces yesterday dispersed riots in strike-ridden East Jerusalem while troops on half-tracks rolled several West Bank towns, including Hebron and Nablus. Three men, Ramallah, el-Bireh and Halhul, remained under total curfew yesterday.

Plans for early restoration of normalcy in the West Bank, now in its first phase of unrest since 1967, were last night overturned as Hebron's influential Mayor Sheikh Mo'amed Ali Ja'abari announced that he was considering resigning his office in sympathy with other mayors.

The mayor and council of Beit Nur, near Bethlehem, yesterday announced their resignation to military authorities to protest at what was described as the "manner" in which troops quelled a local riot on Wednesday. The Beit Sahur council was the sixth to quit, after Beit Ramallah, el-Bireh, Bir Zeit and Silwad.

Sheikh Ja'abari told newsmen unless the authorities took prompt action to alter a Jerusalem magistrate's Court order saying he had the right to pray on the Temple Mount, the site of al-Aksa, he will have no alternative but to resign in the protest and resign. He said that he would take the move as though he believed that the "yours" massive walkout was "not the interest of the local Arab people."

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Dickering over letter on sale of Hercules

By WOLF BLUTZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The Ford Administration and leading pro-Israeli Senators were considering yesterday letters offered by each side regarding the possible exchange of letters noting that the Administration was only considering the sale of six C-130 military transport planes to Egypt this year, and nothing else.

The feeling here is that such a letter exchange could avoid a big fight in the Congress regarding the six planes. The Administration is expected to submit its official letter of offer on the planes to Congress early next week, and under existing legislation, the Congress could block the sale by adopting concurrent resolutions in both houses.

Following Ford's meeting with American Jewish leaders on Wednesday, it became clear that the Administration was not going to reverse its decision on the planes, and would insist on making the deal a military sale. The President defended the decision strongly during the meeting, as did Secretary of State Kissinger, who also participated.

The Secretary is reported by sources present to have said that the sale was part of the process "to buy time."

Although the President was insistent on the C-130 deal, the Administration has changed its tactics already, no longer discussing the start of a U.S.-Egyptian "military supply relationship," as the program was originally described. This was a minor victory for the pro-Israeli forces.

Although there were no indications yesterday that either side had accepted the principle of an exchange of letters, there were some private indications that both sides might be ready for such a compromise.

Egyptian President Sadat's abrogation of the Egyptian-Soviet treaty of friendship and cooperation was excellently timed in the sense that the Administration has been pointing to this development all week as a sign of a growing U.S. influence in Egypt.

By late last night, no clear compromise plan had been proposed by either side. Senators Clifford Case, Hubert Humphrey, Jacob Javits and Henry Jackson are leading the discussions in the Senate on the plane deal with Egypt, and together with their senior aides, exchanging ideas with the Administration.

Mother killed in tussle with her husband

By YORAM HAMZEHAH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIBBUTZ HULIOT. — A mother of two, aged 28, was killed here yesterday when an M-16 rifle assigned by the army to her husband went off as the two quarrelled.

Members of the kibbutz who heard the shot rushed to the couple's quarters and found Shirley Kay, a Canadian immigrant, shot in the head. Her husband, David, formerly of England, said they had quarrelled for some time as she wanted to return to Canada while he insisted on remaining here.

Shirley, the husband said, grabbed the rifle during yesterday's quarrel and aimed it at him. He tried to wrest it from her and it accidentally went off.

Both Shirley and David immigrated to Israel in 1969. They met while studying together in ulpan, and became members of Kibbutz Huliot (also known as Sde Nehemia) two years ago. The couple has two daughters, aged five and 10 months. David was taken into police custody.

Freak accident kills girl, 19

BERSHEVA. — A 19-year-old girl was killed and four persons injured yesterday when a school bus flew off a moving truck and hit them. They were standing by the roadside.

The bizarre mishap occurred on the Be'erabeh-Dimona road. The girl, Hadassah Hajabi of Moshav Yachini, and the others were standing on the road's shoulders. They had been among the passengers of a bus which had had a flat tire, and were waiting for the driver to change the tire when the wheel came off the passing truck. (Iim)

Kreisky in Jordan

AMMAN. — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky arrived here yesterday to confer with King Hussein and other Jordanian leaders about the Middle East conflict and relations between Austria and Jordan.

Kreisky, accompanied by Socialist leaders from West Germany, France, Italy and Sweden, was expected to assure the Jordanians that the Socialist International has no anti-Arab bias. The mission is trying to improve understanding between European Socialists and Arab states. He departs from Jordan today.

King Hussein returned to Amman yesterday from Tehran after official visits to the Philippines, Australia and Japan.

Protection Money to the Arabs

A special report in The Jerusalem Post, starting next Tuesday, will expose American business pay-offs to the Arab boycott.

Karami to Damascus for talks on crisis

41 are killed in Lebanese clashes

By ANAN SAFADI
Post Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Syria is putting the final touches to another of its schemes to settle the Lebanese crisis and is reported to have called ousted Premier Rashid Karami to Damascus. Two other leading Lebanese Muslim politicians have also been invited to join the talks to be held today. The Syrians are endeavouring to ease the deadlock between the crawling coup of General Ahdab and President Franjeh's frozen posture.

The Syrians had earlier conferred with representatives of the President, who has resisted Ahdab's demands that he quit. They have also spoken with other Lebanese Christian groups as well as with representatives of the army coup leaders and delegations from the various dissident camps, including the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Perhaps to show their goodwill as mediators, the Syrians have persuaded the Muslim-led troops, braced for an attack on the presidential palace to force Franjeh out of office, to hold back.

But there was plenty of other action. Forty-one persons were killed and 37 wounded in night-long clashes between Muslim and Christian private armies in Beirut and north and east Lebanon, police said yesterday, according to AP.

DEATH TOLL UP

The new figures brought the official casualty toll to 213 killed and 151 wounded since Brigadier Aziz Ahdab staged his military coup a week ago.

Mortar and rocket explosions kept much of Beirut's population awake throughout the night as leftist Muslim and right-wing Christian militiamen duelled in Beirut's once-luxurious hotel district. Similar duels flared in the suburbs and between the Muslim city of Tripoli, Premier Karami's home town 100 km. north of Beirut, and Franjeh's neighbouring home town of Zaharta, a police spokesman said.

"These clashes have not reached the proportion that may allow us to declare Lebanon's civil war has been resumed full-scale," the spokesman said. "Both sides are trying to keep the fighting under control pending the outcome of Syria's current mediation to resolve the crisis of the President's resignation."

Emergency after Libya expels Egyptians

CAIRO. — The Egyptian Government has declared a state of emergency in two Western Desert towns to cope with a huge influx of Egyptians expelled from Libya, Cairo newspapers reported yesterday.

They said that about 21,600 Egyptian workers have been expelled in the past 10 days in retaliation for the arrest in Cairo of 27 Libyans in connection with a plot to kidnap two senior Libyan officials who have taken refuge in Egypt.

More than 5,000 Egyptians were forced out of Libya on Wednesday, the semi-official "Al-Ahram" reported.

It said the emergency was declared in the towns of Salum and Marsa Matruh and that relief was being sent to provide shelter, food, water and medical care for the refugees. Two trains and 80 buses were sent to Salum, on the border with Libya, to transfer the refugees to Alexandria.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy conferred with Ali al-Turki, Libya's representative at the Arab foreign ministers meeting being held here. No details of the talks were released, but the expulsions are certain to have been discussed.

"Al-Ahram" newspaper said a big medical team was sent to Salum to treat people who have been injured. Some of the refugees have told reporters they had been arrested and assaulted in Libyan prisons before being forced across the border.

Major Omar Meheishi, one of the former members of the ruling Libyan military junta who was granted asylum in Egypt last month, and whose name was linked with an unsuccessful coup against Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, was quoted here yesterday as saying Libya's mass expulsion of Egyptians was aimed at forcing Cairo to hand him over to Libya.

Meheishi, in an interview with "Al-Gomhouria," said yesterday Colonel Gaddafi wanted him to be surrendered to the Libyan authorities and had used the expulsion of Egyptians as a lever.

Meheishi said in the interview that Colonel Gaddafi was "mentally deranged." He said, "at the age of 12 he fell off a camel. Since then he suffered nervous breakdowns and sudden fits in which he would tear up his clothes and destroy everything in his office."

Meheishi accused Gaddafi of trying to assassinate him 11 times when he fled to Tunisia and six times since his escape to Cairo. "He had even resorted to the German Mafia to do the job for him," the major was quoted as saying.

Observers said he appeared to be referring to the Baader-Meinhof urban terrorist gang.

Meheishi added that the Soviet Union was exploiting both Gaddafi's "ignorance and ambitions ... they are supplying him with weapons worth millions of dollars to offset their trade deficit."

(Reuters)

U.S.-ISRAEL BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETS

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. section of the American-Israeli Business Council met for the first time this week in Washington to discuss ways of promoting business ties between the United States and Israel.

The Council, chaired by former Michigan Governor George Romney and Israeli industrialist Mark Moisevic, was organized over the past two years, although there has not yet been a full plenary session.

Treasury Secretary William Simon opened the U.S. section's meeting on Wednesday during a luncheon in Washington. Israel Ambassador Simcha Dinitz, other Israeli and American officials, and nearly 20 U.S. businessmen who sit on the Council participated.

There have been reports that some leading U.S. corporate executives had refused to sit on the Council out of fear of Arab boycott retaliation. Whereas the leaders of several of the largest U.S. corporations have agreed to sit on the

U.S.-Egyptian Business Council, the calibre of the American participants on the Israeli Council is lower.

In fact, most of the U.S. members of the Council are American Jewish businessmen, long time supporters of Israel. There are only a handful of non-Jewish members.

Thus, familiar American Jewish businessmen such as Elmer Winter, president of Manpower Incorporated and the American Jewish Committee, Lester Crown, president of the Henry Crown Company of Chicago and Lawrence Tisch, chairman of the Board of Loew's Corporation, are members of the U.S. section.

Non-Jewish members include Margaret Crosby, executive vice-president of Washington Electric Corporation, Lionel Grier, executive vice-president of Joseph Seagram Company, William Nicholson, vice-chairman of the Union Carbide Corporation, and Jesse Warner, chairman of the board G.A.F.

Observers here pointed out that the presidents of General Motors, Ford, and other corporate giants sit on the Egyptian Council.

The first plenary session of the Council is now scheduled to take place in Israel in June.

There are currently 13 U.S. business councils with other nations.

RUMOURS OF DM ADJUSTMENT

BRUSSELS. — The U.S. dollar lost ground on most European money markets yesterday as speculation aimed at the revaluation of the strong German mark wreaked havoc on exchanges. In Paris, "Le Monde," said that the present monetary crisis threatened "to become the most serious since the war."

In Frankfurt, the dollar hit its lowest level since July 25 when it dropped from Wednesday's close of 2.5470 marks to 2.5380. In Zurich it fell from 2.5445 francs to 2.5320, its lowest since July 1.

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Gvat-Yagur hoopsters win State Cup

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The kibbutzniks of Gvat and Yagur last night won the State Cup in basketball for the first time, defeating Tel Aviv Hapoel 53-76 at the Tel Aviv Sports Palace here. Minister of Education Aharon Yadin presented the marionette trophy to the winners.

Gvat-Yagur Hapoel led from the start and were 38-33 at half time. It was the first time that Tel Aviv Maccabi did not appear in the cup final, being ousted by Gvat-Yagur in the semi-finals. It was also the first time that the State Cup was taken out of Tel Aviv.

Early in the game both teams suffered from nervousness resulting in poor shooting. But the kibbutzniks settled down quicker and had a better team in depth. Veteran play-maker Itamar Marzel was the kingpin, rarely losing the ball. Ira Harari played the game of his life to emerge top scorer with 26 points; and 19-year-old Ori Goren was another outstanding young player, collecting 23 points.

The two-metre tall sharpshooter, Boaz Yanai, scored 13 points before leaving the court with five fouls. It was his forceful play and early accuracy which gave his squad the confidence to win the cup. Another veteran player, Gabi Teicher, scored 17 points.

For Tel Aviv Hapoel Barry Leibowitz had his brilliant moments but lacked sufficient support to pull his squad through. The Tel Aviv players were at no time routed, but failed to produce the all-out teamwork to upset the Jezreel Valley hoopsters. Leibowitz scored 20 points, the other top scorers for Tel Aviv being Steve Waxman, 18, and Mark Torenstein, with 16 points.

Killer's term upped from 14 years to life

A Bat Yam resident convicted of killing his brother-in-law had his sentence increased from 14 years to life imprisonment by the Supreme Court yesterday.

Both the accused, Ronnie Krantz, 26, and the prosecution appealed against the District Court verdict, which convicted Krantz of manslaughter. The Supreme Court ruled the killing was murder.

Krantz shot his wife's brother, Zion Murdoff, in a deserted side street in Ramat Gan in June 1974.

Social and Personal

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday laid the cornerstone of Beit Knesset, the centre for Iranian Jews in Holon.

Inez Lowdermilk, leading a delegation of the California Christian Committee for Israel, yesterday participated in the dedication ceremony of a forest at Mount Turan in memory of her late husband, Professor Walter Clay Lowdermilk.

Haifa Labour Council secretary Eliezer Molk will speak at the Haifa Maritime and Economic Club on "Wage Policy Effects on the Economy," at the Zion Hotel, 1 p.m. today. Reservations by phone, 511593.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held tonight at Heichal Shalom in Jerusalem at 8.45. Rabbi Alexander Carlsbach and Binyamin Av-Leah of the Foreign Ministry will be the speakers. Zmitro: Cantor Arye Goldberg. A Melave Malka programme will be held at 8 p.m. tomorrow, with Haim Zohar as guest speaker. Cantor Yehuda Lendner will sing, and a film will be shown. The public is invited.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held at 9 p.m. tonight at Ihud Shivat Zion, 56 Rehov Ben-Yehuda. Tel Aviv. Tourists are invited to meet Ya'acov Bar-Or, community leader, and Arye Chapman, Tour Ve'Alah.

American Mizrahi Women will hold a cocktail party and reception on behalf of the Golden Jubilee Medalion Fund at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hochstein, 16 Rehov Ibn Ezra, Jerusalem, on Wednesday, March 24, 1976, at 4 p.m.

DEPARTURES

Social Welfare Minister Zevulun Hammer, to London, to attend the Mizrahi convention there (by El Al).

Meir Talim, Secretary-General of Mapam, to Paris, for a private visit.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Scattered showers. Outlook for Saturday: Rain. Weather synopsis: Low over northwest Egypt, the east.

	Yesterday's	Today's
Humidity	Min-Max	Min-Max
Jerusalem	5-17	6-14
Golan	5-15	4-14
Nahariya	6-18	5-17
Safed	6-19	5-18
Haifa	6-19	5-18
Tiberias	6-21	5-20
Nazareth	6-21	5-20
Afula	6-21	5-20
Shomron	6-21	5-20
Tel Aviv	10-20	10-18
B-G Airport	6-21	5-20
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Tirat	10-24	10-23

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Weizman attacks 'midgets' in power

LONDON. — Ezer Weizman, in an interview being published today in the "Jewish Observer," attacks the "midgets" who he says are ruling Israel today.

The former Air Force commander and one-time transport minister declared, "There is a national masochism in Israel that can be stopped only by a leadership that takes decisions."

Weizman, who earlier this week announced his return to active politics on behalf of the Likud, is in London to lecture to the Zionist Federation and the Anglo-Israel Association. (JTA)

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Mark Segal adds:

Britain's Jewish community was furious over statements Weizman made in an earlier interview with "The Times." Leading figures described these statements as "rash," "trigger-happy" and "harmful to Israel." A prominent community member expressed the view shared by many that it was "silly to extend to Britain the internecine disputes now going on in Israel."

Eban: Israel should laud U.S.-Egypt rapprochement

TEL AVIV. — While expressing its reservations about the sale of American Hercules planes to Egypt, Israel should encourage U.S.-Egyptian rapprochement, Abba Eban, MK, said here yesterday.

The former foreign minister said the current shift in relations between Cairo and Washington constitutes a complex and complicated problem for Israel.

While we want the United States to continue maintaining the balance of power in our region, we must nevertheless approve of any effort by the U.S. to increase their influence in the Arab world and displace the Soviets, Eban said. Thus, while we openly protest the proposed sale of six C-130 transport planes to Egypt, we must fully support

about our internal affairs than I am about what the Arabs are doing, or whether Egypt buys transport planes from America."

Poale Zion, the British Labour Zionist movement, yesterday published a strong condemnation of Weizman's statements. "Such reckless statements," it was declared, "can only undermine Israel's position in the international arena and greatly harm the Zionist struggle to put across Israel's case to world public opinion."

Weizman's suggestion that whether Egypt buys transport planes from America is unimportant, the Poale Zion continued, "again undermines the efforts both in America and in this country to prevent Egypt and other Arab states who refuse to make peace with Israel from being supplied with weapons of war."

"The Times" quoted Weizman as saying: "What matters to Israel is the West Bank. We keep it. It is ours. It is essential for security. A good many Arabs live there. We sit down with them and say 'you can run your own affairs, that's your business,' but the West Bank must be in association with Israel, not Jordan."

"The Times" describes Weizman as "one of the great swashbucklers of the Israeli Air Force."

Begin told reporters on his return yesterday from a Bonds mission to the U.S. that he hoped Washington would associate itself with the Strasbourg decision taken by the Parliament of Europe in December, calling on all member states to take steps on behalf of Russian Jews trying to emigrate. Kissinger said he would discuss the possibility with European leaders when he goes to Brussels soon for talks on Nato.

Begin added that while visiting the U.S. earlier as a member of the Knesset delegation he had handed President Ford a list of 40 prisoners of Zion to which Ford promised to attend. To date the American President has not approached

the fostering of any economic and technological ties between the Arabs and Washington.

Reviewing U.S.-Israel relations, Eban noted that during the past three years Israel received more military and economic aid from the U.S. than in all the 24 preceding years. The same is true of political support, Eban added. If, after this, so discordant an outcry has arisen from the current discussion of this subject — "it means that we have lost all sense of proportion."

When the relations between our best friend and ourselves are so positive, in all spheres, there can be no justification for the hysterical voiced on both sides of the Atlantic regarding the future of these ties, Eban said.

his suggestions. If Mapam wants to discuss problems and arrangements in a friendly way, they are welcome," Zarmi said.

It is understood that the hard line in Mapam was taken by the Political Committee on Wednesday under pressure of left-wing leaders, with Shemtov as a prominent exponent. Ya'acov Hazan, the veteran of Hashomer Hatzair, advised moderation, but he was in the minority and did not attend the committee's final session.

Shemtov's idea was that Mapam could gain the support of all the Zionist-Socialists left of centre, including Labour members who feel their ideals are thwarted by Labour's "rightists."

comment on Iraq's execution of Alexander Aaronson, a Holocaust survivor, saying that he trusted "human rights would one day be respected in all countries."

However, Pomer said he would continue his activities on behalf of Jews in Arab lands.

On Monday Pomer is scheduled to be the guest of the Knesset. He will be luncheon guest of Speaker Yehayahu, will attend the plenum and will address the members at a reception in Chagall Hall. Though one member proposed inviting Pomer to address the plenum, this was turned down by the House Committee, since that privilege has been reserved for heads of state.

The Knesset, in the past, was addressed in the plenum by the President of Iceland, the President of Malawi and the President of the UN General Assembly.

Atomic power enthusiasts must prove case—environmentalist

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — "Environmental specialists must point out the possible hazards from nuclear power stations. It is up to the nuclear engineers to prove they are unfounded, and not to stampede us into building atomic stations whose long-term effects we do not know enough about," according to Professor Dr. Hans Klemmstedt, a landscape and environment specialist from the Technical University of Berlin.

Klemmstedt also challenges the claim that atomic power is the only alternative to oil, and holds that many of the planned A-stations are probably unnecessary.

Dr. Klemmstedt has spent a fortnight at the Technion working on a joint project for outdoor recreation planning models, and also lectured on the environmental aspects of nuclear power plants.

In an interview with "The Jerusalem Post" he noted that the oil crisis had panicked politicians who fear unemployment, and this had created the big demand for N-stations "as though they were the only alternative to oil to save economic growth." West Germany alone, which already has 16 N-stations, is planning a further 24 by 1985, and as the Swiss and Dutch are also rushing into N-power, all to be built along the Rhine, "there will be one plant every 20 kms. between Basel and Rotterdam."

"Their cooling towers will discharge huge quantities of vapour into the atmosphere, at the rate of 60,000 tons a day from a 1,200 megawatt station. They will create mists, weather inversions and will slow wind velocity so that pollution will be kept directly overhead," he claims.

Though he accepted the nuclear engineers' assurances that their safety techniques would keep the reactors safe from explosion or radiation emissions, "we do not know enough about possible atmospheric changes the big plants may cause. We certainly fear that they may adversely affect the ground level atmosphere, where humans exist, as well as the whole water regime."

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The possibility could not be ruled out, he said, that the concentration of fall-out particles from the N-plants may influence ground level atmosphere, especially under certain adverse weather conditions. "There is also the possibility of radioactive particles combining with water vapour molecules and eventually harming man, fauna and flora," he believed. "It is up to the nuclear engineers to prove conclusively that there is no such danger. People who exploit nature's potential must show they will not harm nature," he held.

Though in Israel the mooted N-



U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger meeting with Likud leader Menachem Begin at the State Department Wednesday. (UPI/Telephone)

Begin asks Ford to join European nations in fight for Soviet Jews

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — During his recent visit to the U.S., Menachem Begin, MK, asked Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to suggest to President Ford that the United States coordinate its efforts on behalf of Soviet Jewry with the European countries.

Begin told reporters on his return yesterday from a Bonds mission to the U.S. that he hoped Washington would associate itself with the Strasbourg decision taken by the Parliament of Europe in December, calling on all member states to take steps on behalf of Russian Jews trying to emigrate. Kissinger said he would discuss the possibility with European leaders when he goes to Brussels soon for talks on Nato.

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Israel Prizes for Baer, Mani

The 1976 Israel Prize for Arabic Linguistics and Oriental Studies will be awarded to Prof. Gabriel Baer and Sgan-Ahuf Ezra Mani, the Education Ministry spokesman announced yesterday. The ceremony will take place on Independence Day.

Baer, professor of the history of Muslim countries at the Hebrew University, completed his studies at



S/A Mani and Prof. Baer

the university where he has been teaching since 1954. In 1967 he was appointed head of the Institute for Arabic and Asian Studies.

The Israel Prize goes to Prof. Baer for his important research into the socio-economic history of the Middle East, especially modern Egypt. Sgan-Ahuf Mani is to be awarded the prize for his significant contribution to Arabic lexicography.

Sgan-Ahuf Mani is an intelligence officer in the Israel Defence Forces. Over the past two decades he has developed and translated lexicons of Arabic military terms which have recently been computerized to facilitate bringing them up to date. The lexicons are considered extremely useful tools in intelligence work.

New student leader is Herut activist

TEL AVIV. — The National Student Union has a new chairman. He is 26-year-old David Bergman, a graduate history student from Tel Aviv University.

Bergman was formerly head of the Student Union on the Ramat Aviv campus and is active in Young Herut circles.

He was elected by representatives of all of the country's institutions of higher learning in Jerusalem yesterday.

Yom Kippur War Medal awarded to civilians

Defence Minister Shimon Peres yesterday awarded the Yom Kippur War Medal to senior members of the defence establishment, in a ceremony held at the Tel Aviv Museum.

The only one who received the medal at his home was former Defence Minister Moshe Dayan.

The award, given to the civilian recipients on recommendation of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, was also presented to former chief of staff Zvi Tzur, who served as adviser to the Defence Minister during the war. Other recipients were Naum Ironi, widow of Yitzhak Ironi, who was the Defence Ministry director-general, and Hani Bergmann, widow of Prof. Ernst David Bergmann, a founder and top scientist in defence research and development.

Fourth victim dies in chemical plant mishap

BEERSHEVA. — The number of victims of the accident at the Machteshim chemical plant last week rose to four with the death Wednesday night of Meir Ben-Lulu.

Ben-Lulu, 41, the father of eight, was one of four men who tried to extricate a workmate who had been overcome by fumes after entering a basement pit used in the manufacture of phosphorus. The other three men died earlier in hospital of suffocation.

The sole survivor of the mishap is Albert Uzan, the worker who originally entered the pit, access to which is forbidden without a special permit from the duty officer. Uzan's motive remains a mystery, as he is still in hospital although reported out of danger.

An investigatory committee set up by the plant's management announced yesterday that had the workers followed standard safety instructions and not entered the pit, the disaster would have been averted. Nevertheless, it also recommended a warning sign be posted, the wall around the pit be built up and workers be given additional safety training. (Itim)

Margaret Thatcher arriving Sunday

The Foreign Ministry confirmed yesterday that Margaret Thatcher, head of the British Conservative Party, will make a three-day visit to Israel starting Sunday.

Mrs. Thatcher's crowded schedule will include visits to the Golan Heights, Israel Aircraft Industries, and talks with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Yigal Allon.

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Egged: IL200,000 lost every day in Jerusalem

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Egged claims it is losing about IL200,000 every day on its urban lines in Jerusalem. In Holon the losses are reported at IL70,000 a day. The Herta lines are also unprofitable, but the bus cooperative does not have exact figures.

The only profitable lines are the interurban runs, Egged spokesman Gideon Talmor yesterday told "The Jerusalem Post."

Egged officials were not willing to comment on why the Dan bus cooperative — which serves the Greater Tel Aviv area — manages to remain profitable. Dan officials also refused to comment, probably because they are conducting merger talks with Egged.

It was learned that Egged officials now negotiating with the Ministry of Transport on new bus fares — do not want the prices of profitable lines such as Beersheba-Tel Aviv, to be increased, while they want fares of unprofitable lines to be increased at least 100 per cent. It is believed that the ministry will oppose this and not agree to a

greater increase than 30 per cent. Among the "austerity steps" taken by Egged on February 28 was stop driving into Arava settlements — waiting on the main road passengers. The Ministry of Transport ordered them to continue driving into the villages. It has been reported that Egged has not renewed this service.

Another "austerity step" was firing of 450 salaried workers. It was done not in accordance with Histaadrot rules. The Histaadrot called on Egged to rehire the workers, but Egged has refused.

Meanwhile, Dan yesterday awarded 250 prizes to outstanding drivers and workers. The prizes were judged by the following criteria — not being involved in accidents, not missing a work shift, no complaints against them, willingness to work extra hours on short notice.

Minister of Transport Gad Yacobi told the bus cooperative members that the way they treat their passengers would either break them or make them the forerunner in improving service to the public.

'Triple-header' in rugby at Kfar Blum Saturday

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's first rugby "triple-header" takes place tomorrow at Kfar Blum, in Upper Galilee. The programme starts at 11 a.m. when the Israel Rugby Football Union (IRFU) holds its first XV-a-side junior match for youngsters of under 18. The two teams will be made up of players from the Tel Aviv area, most of them sabras.

This will be followed by an all-kibbutz fixture, with a combined Kfar Blum-Malkiya side facing a Ramat-Mevo Hama XV. Again, many sabras are included in the two line-ups.

Main fixture of the rugby festival is a game between teams selected by the IRFU's newly formed

northern and central sections (it off 1.30 p.m.). The latter come from the Holon, Tel Aviv University and Ha'agen clubs. Northerners include players from Haifa and Tiberias and some dozen kibbutzniks, among them Hanassi, Rosh Hanikra and Yehonatan. Meanwhile, the IRFU is setting a supporters' association in Africa, with many prominent personalities in the game offering backing to the fledgling organization, union president Jack Yacobi told "The Jerusalem Post" yesterday. Rabin, just back from a visit to South Africa, reported that other of the republic's top teams would probably play in later this year, following the successful visit here of Currie's, which has run into difficulties.

Allon to visit U.S. in May

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon will visit the U.S. in May, to address a meeting of the American-Israeli Public Relations Committee, according to a Foreign Ministry spokesman.

Allon's visit will last a week, during which he will also speak at United Jewish Appeal gatherings.

Observers said last night it was more than likely he will also meet with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger — however, no such meeting has been scheduled.

Raphael sees imposed solution

TEL AVIV. — The big powers would come up with an imposed solution for the Middle East conflict "within a year," Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Raphael told the NRP Executive last night. He said there was little chance of the U.S. obtaining Arab agreement to end-of-belligerence, or for reconvening the Geneva peace conference, and urged the Government to launch an intensive information campaign to explain the real issues and make its stand understood.

Maritime Fruit calls halt to share trading

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Trading in Maritime Fruit Carriers shares was suspended yesterday at the company's request. In a statement released in Washington, and quoted here, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission said the suspension "because of a lack of accurate adequate information available to the public concerning financial conditions and operations" of Maritime Fruit, which has run into difficulties.

News of the suspension coincided with a statement by the shipbuilding industry on its part following the cancellation of contracts by Maritime, formerly Israel-controlled company. Chaim Baskin, director of the shipbuilding association, said the cancellations were serious and Government intervention was required to help the industry out of its predicament. Orders from Maritime Fruit, British yards totalled 2,234,000 tons of the full order of 4,944,000 tons, Baylis disclosed.

The Embassy of Guatemala

wishes to bring to the attention of those who are concerned to know that the two Guatemalan harbours, Port Santo Tomás de Castilla on the Atlantic coast and Port San José on the Pacific coast, are in perfect condition and are operating normally after the earthquake on February 4, 1976.

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Hospital expansion continues despite budget cuts—Shemtov

Jerusalem Post Knesset Staff
Health Minister Victor Shemtov said the Knesset yesterday that, despite the budget cuts, hospital expansion would continue. Surveying the work of his ministry over the past year, Shemtov said the long-planned Tel Aviv hospital, which would add 600 beds to the Greater Tel Aviv area, was to open in mid-1977. Two psychiatric hospitals — Tirat Carmel, with 400 beds, and Beersheba, with 400 beds — are due to open in 1977.

Construction at present, including above, will provide around 100 beds, of which 74 per cent in general hospitals, 16 per cent in psychiatric hospitals and over 10 per cent in institutions for chronic patients.

Shemtov said the present ministry was to put increasing emphasis on care in the local community and preventive medicine, to cut down pressure on the hospitals.

Patients should be provided with comprehensive medical help in their neighbourhoods, the minister said. They could get more effective and more efficient treatment close to home, and the country could save great deal of money, he believed, by the high cost these days of constructing hospitals and keeping them up.

The neighbourhood treatment units would only work, Shemtov said, if the country already had a good medical service in the capital bed. However, hospitals are still short. The ratio of hospital beds to population in Israel is low — a mere 3.3 per thousand. Some of the older Government hospitals urgently need replacement. Three thousand beds in seven hospitals are still in wooden buildings which are over 20 years old. Shemtov noted that the maternity hospitals had become inadequate in number, with the increase in the birth rate. The Barzilai Medical Centre for new-born infants in Ashdod had 197 per cent occupancy; the Hashomer maternity wards had 150 per cent occupancy.

Nurses training was providing graduates, the minister said. In 1976, 870 would graduate and in 1977, 1,000. The number of nurses would get certificates each year, and girl nurse-soldiers would be attached to hospitals this year.

All the nursing schools were full, he said, so staff would be available for the new hospitals. The minister said that family planning programmes among Israeli

Arabs had been instituted for the first time recently and had proven highly successful. Israel's Arabs already had 117 mother-and-child centres operating, and Arab schools were getting health services for pupils in increasing numbers.

In East Jerusalem, he announced, a new health centre in Wadi Jos would provide services for local residents. The ministry would subsidize salaries for East Jerusalem medical students who are finishing medical school abroad to take their year's internship in East Jerusalem hospitals.

Government health services in Judea and Samaria encompass 148 doctors, 448 nurses, 922 general beds, 180 clinics and 29 mother-and-child centres, he said.

Shemtov attacked the World Health Organization for its charges that Israel had lowered health standards in the occupied areas. The contrary was true, he said.

In the debate on the minister's survey, Moked's Meir Pe'il complained that, while the Defence Ministry's budget for next year has been raised to meet the 25 per cent price level increase anticipated for the year, the allocation for health services has been reduced by 11.5 per cent.

Chaim Grossman (Alignment) noted that the number of hospital beds per thousand population in Israel is half that in developed countries.

Jacques Amir (Alignment) called on Minister Shemtov to order completion of the Dimona hospital, whose construction was halted several years ago. He noted that with the recent destruction by fire of the maternity wing of the Soroka Medical Centre in Beersheba, Negev women have no maternity facilities left.

Leon Ditzian (Likud-Liberals) asked for a review of health services available in event of general emergency, "for a time when there is danger of mass casualties." He also asked why the level of health services in Israel lags behind that of Europe, when the per-capita expenditure on health is higher here than on the Continent.

Alkiva Noz (Likud-Free Centre) said two-thirds of the samples taken of fresh fruits in a recent experiment showed residues of pesticides, and 15 out of 16 milk samples contained poisonous substances. Similarly, two-thirds of the wheat samples examined were found to have been polluted. What's more, crop sprays banned in the U.S. as being a cause of certain types of cancer are still permitted in

Israel, and the level of toxic substances in Israeli food is in many cases above that allowed by the standards of the World Health Organization.

The H.P.'s Hillel Zeidel proposed the establishment of a public council of doctors and Health Ministry workers whose aim would be to dissuade medical school graduates from emigrating, and encourage yordim MDs to come back home.

Yedaya Beret of the Likud called for more emphasis on preventive medicine and environmental protection than on curative medicine. He cited the case of a herd of sheep and cattle allegedly being maintained illegally in Kiryat Bialik and grazing on land belonging to the State Lands Administration. Nothing is being done to remove this nuisance, he said, despite reports by the local doctor and the regional sanitary engineer that the herds constitute a public hazard, a dangerous source of disease for residents of Kiryat Bialik.

Boss Mosav (CRM) attacked Shemtov and Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz for neglecting to push for passage of the National Health Insurance Law.

Meir Cohen (Likud) charged that the Health Ministry is not prepared to treat the growing number of geriatric patients and the chronically ill in Israel.

3,890 million inhabitants on earth in 1974

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The world had 3,890 million inhabitants in 1974, according to the latest issue of the UN's "Demographic Yearbook." Two-thirds live in Asia or Africa.

Six of the nine most populous countries in the world are in Asia (China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Bangladesh and Pakistan). One is in Europe (the Soviet Union), one in North America (the United States) and one in South America (Brazil). The least most populated country is West Germany.

Only Sweden reports less than 10 deaths per 1,000 live births. That country also enjoys the greatest longevity. The life expectancy of a female infant in Sweden is 78 years; of a male, 72.

Fourteen countries offer more than 75 years for the female — mostly the industrialized states, but including Puerto Rico and Hongkong. Eight countries offer more than 70 for the male.

Out of the 48 countries into which Africa is divided, 38 (80 per cent of the total) offer a life expectancy of less than 50 years for the male. In 19 of them, the average male will not live past 40.

Death tax eased

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter
Death duties have been eased, to allow for inflation. New regulations introduced at the beginning of this year (the first change in 11 years) have now been published in detail. They apply to legacies of persons who died after March 31, 1975.

The flat of the deceased person is exempt from duty up to a value of IL160,000, instead of IL50,000 as previously. This waiver applies only if the legacy is less than IL450,000. (Formerly the ceiling was IL150,000.)

Type of deduction	Previously	Now
General	10,000	80,000
For spouse	25,000	100,000
For each child under 22	15,000	80,000
For each child over 22	10,000	40,000
Addition for disabled child	17,500	80,500
Addition for disabled child over 22	22,500	80,500
Dependent parent	5,000	20,000
Non-dependent parent (if deceased childless)	10,000	40,000

The tax brackets are changed as follows:

Tax Rate	Previously	Now
%	Up to 35,000	Up to 105,000
10	35,000—70,000	105,000—210,000
15	70,000—110,000	210,000—330,000
20	110,000—155,000	330,000—465,000
25	155,000—200,000	465,000—600,000
30	200,000—250,000	600,000—750,000
35	250,000—300,000	750,000—900,000
40	300,000—400,000	900,000—1.2m.
45	400,000—500,000	1.2m.—1.5m.
50	500,000—750,000	1.5m.—2.25m.
55	750,000—1m.	2.25m.—3m.
60	Over 1m.	Over 3m.

New reservoir in Arava weathers first storm

By ZEEV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Makorot's newest and southernmost rain catchment reservoir has successfully weathered its first storm, Mordechai Yacobi, spokesman for the national water company, said yesterday.

Built at Nahal Nikrot, in the Eilat-Yahav area of the Arava (south of the Dead Sea), the dam's "first catch of the season" — during the flash floods in the Negev a few days ago — contained over half a million cubic metres of water. This water will either be pumped or permitted to percolate into the underground water tables of the Eilat-Yahav-Hatzeva areas, the spokesman said.

The reservoir, completed during the past month, can contain up to four million cubic metres of water. It is intended to trap flash floods in the Arava watershed area — especially the central Negev mountains — rechanneling the torrents which used to cascade down the

Arava and spill, wasted into the Dead Sea. The floods often inflicted serious damage in the potash works area, especially to the salt evaporation pan and the plant area.

However, the reservoir will stop a source of water for the Dead Sea already reported at one of its lowest points in human memory. There is talk of digging a channel, past the "longue" halfway up the sea, to ensure a supply of the mineral-rich waters to the southern evaporation pans. There is also talk of speeding up plans to pipe water from the Mediterranean to the Dead Sea area to raise the level to normal.

Meanwhile, the latest readings of Lake Kinneret show the level to be still some 1.5 metres below optimal — or a deficit of some 200 million cubic metres. This year's storage deficit will probably range between 150 and 175 million cubic metres, it was reported. This will be a second year in succession that the Kinneret will contain less than the optimal quantity.

Rise in most crimes in North last year

By YOEL DAB
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Increases in most crimes last year in the North — threats against life and property up 96 per cent, fraud up 75 per cent, possession of narcotics up 60 per cent, and crimes against property up 44 per cent — were reported yesterday. Robberies jumped from 96 in 1974 to 138 last year.

There was only a decline in murders, according to the Northern District commander, Nitzan Shimon Shaked, and senior investigating officer Nitzan-Mishne Sassoon. They reported the statistics to local council heads at the police national training base at Shufaram.

They attributed much of the increase to the current police policy to act on complaints instead of suggesting that the individual file private criminal complaints with the courts.

They also reported an increase of about 45 per cent in successful police investigations last year. Uninvestigated were 20 murders (Nine less than in 1974), and 16 were solved. Investigation is continuing in the four unsolved murders, including the killings of Irit Ya'acobi of Magadan, Michael and Mordechai Reznik, the night watchman of the Kitau textile works at Upper Nazareth.

They reported that crime increased in 1975 beyond the Green Line — in Samaria by 62 per cent and on the Golan by 37 per cent.

Nitzan Shaked added that security forces thwarted many terrorist attempts to commit murder in the North last year. Only two were successful — at Kfar Yuzval and at Ramat Maghazim, he said. In the other attempts, the assailants were either killed or captured.

NRP seeking economies to save its newspaper

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The National Religious Party has appointed a top-level committee to propose plans for cutting staff in the party's local and world organizations, one of the intentions being to save money which can be diverted to the budget of the NRP daily newspaper, "Hatzofeh."

The "Hatzofeh" staff received its January salaries only on the eve of Purim, after a week in which the journalists put out a small-size newspaper to protest salary delays occurring intermittently over the past 12 months.

Five members of the "Hatzofeh" staff have applied to a labour court to complain against delays in salary payments this year. The staff has not been told when it can expect its February salaries.

At a meeting between the staff committee and the NRP leadership, the committee suggested that the party could save money by eliminating duplicate functions in the local organization as well as in World Mizrachi. A total of 400 paid officials are said to be employed in the local headquarters at the "Ezra" building in Tel Aviv, and at the world headquarters in Jerusalem. Many functions are carried out jointly and redundantly by officials from different wings of the NRP.

The "Hatzofeh" staff committee complained to the NRP leadership that the 400 party officials manage to get their pay on time because they exert influence on the treasurer's department.

Religious ministers attacked on abortion bill issue

By AARON SIFTER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The three religious Cabinet Ministers — Yosef Burg, Yitzhak Rabin and Zeevuni Hammer — came under sharp attack from a religious Member of Knesset yesterday for failing to threaten a break of the Coalition over the new abortion bill.

Speaking during a House debate of the Health Ministry's draft, Abraham Verdiger (Torat) declared, "The sponsors of a despicable law, which permits abortion on demand, are underlining the Law of Moses and are violating the commandment 'Thou shalt not kill'."

The Government is guilty of taking a firm stand against proposed law; and the three cabinet Ministers from the Na-

tional Religious Party, noting the weakness of the Government Coalition, should have threatened to resign in face of the repeated violation (by the Government) of the religious status quo and the constant erosion of the moral foundations of the Jewish People."

If the abortion bill is adopted, Verdiger warned, the image of the State of Israel will be badly tarnished, and prospects of large immigration will be wiped out.

Pinhas Shetman of the NRP declared the fact that "The Health Minister remains silent on the abortion issue although he knows the truth — that medical opinion holds that every abortion performed on a woman weakens her and that in the final analysis terminating pregnancies and other means of family planning, will undermine the state by reducing internal ally."

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Watch for further details.

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MK enters the fray against Rotarian Nazi

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Hillel Seidel, the Independent Liberal MK who has criticized the candidacy of Austrian Wolfgang Wick as president of Rotary International because of Wick's Nazi antecedents, said yesterday that claims by a friend that Wick had saved Jews were immaterial to the Rotary post candidacy.

Bernhard Mayer, the Swiss Jew who dedicated a building at the Weizmann Institute this week, said that Wick had saved the lives of 60 Jewish families during the Holocaust.

Seidel said he had heard many cases of known Nazis who had aided Jews. If Mayer's claims about Wick, his friend, were true, that was a point in Wick's favour; but other points were against, and these disqualified him for a representative international post.

Foreigner wins golfing event

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
CAESAREA. — Christian Carl of Zurich yesterday became the first foreign competitor in the golf festival here to win an event when he scored in the Aggregate Stableford Competition and Judea Cup, together with Cy Alpert of Netanya, 66 points.

In second place were Miriam Cohen of Haifa and Rahamim Sofer of Or Akiva, with 64 points.

Today, the festival's individual championship for the Jerusalem Trophy will take place, and tomorrow the final Better Ball Stableford competition.

On Wednesday Meir Maor of Hadera won the El Al seniors trophy for golfers over the age of 50 with 38 points. Frie Dorn of Herzliya Pituah was in second place among the 61 golfers with 37 points.

MK says some pensioners are being cheated

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
The Treasury is paying pensioners who were employed in the civil service of the British Mandate before 1948 only half of what they are entitled to receive, according to MK Leon Ditzian (Likud-Liberals).

Demanding an urgent session of the Knesset Labour Committee (in charge of pension affairs), Ditzian this week said the Finance Committee had already decided officially that such pensioners should receive pensions calculated on basic wage plus cost-of-living increment. Yet, despite that, the Treasury was still refusing to take the cost-of-living increment into the calculations; and this meant the senior citizens were being cheated out of half their pensions, he charged.

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Austerity measures to restore order in Europe money market

LONDON. — European governments yesterday fought back hard against currency market speculation — and there were signs they were beginning to turn the tide.

Besides heavy central bank intervention, they were using the weapons of bank rate increases and restrictions on currency movements in an attempt to subdue the chaos of the past few weeks.

Italy, whose lira has plunged more steeply than any other European currency, took stiff austerity measures aimed at stabilisation as Premier Aldo Moro's Christian Democrat party yesterday opened a national congress expected to determine the future role of the Communists. Moro consulted publicly with Communist leader Enrico Berlinguer before adopting the austerity package on Wednesday in a move signalling the rising power of the Marxists in this Nato nation.

While the lira benefited slightly, higher taxes on petrol and cars and credit curbs drew criticism from both industry and labour. About 20,000 workers struck two hours in protest at Milan's state-owned car maker Alfa Romeo. Trade union officials said they were planning a four-hour nationwide general strike for next week.

The lira closed at 875 for one dollar, against 880 Wednesday. After having watched the lira lose five per cent of its value during a few hours trading Wednesday the Rome government announced a massive hike in the bank rate, from eight to twelve per cent, in an attempt to encourage savings and drastically reduce consumption.

Observers said a four-point rise in the bank rate was unprecedented. The new rate is a full 100 per cent higher than that six weeks ago, a

dramatic indication of the dire straits in which Italy now finds itself.

Both Belgium and Denmark — two other countries whose currencies are in trouble — raised their bank rates by one percentage point on Wednesday. Yesterday Belgium followed up by compelling banks to deposit a fixed percentage of their new funds in government securities.

The European joint currency float — on the verge of disintegration on Wednesday — remained under severe strain. The float system permits member currencies to move within margins of no more than 2.25 per cent against each other, while the group floats together against the dollar and other currencies.

The Danish crown and Belgian franc remained hard pressed at the floor of the float system because of their loss of value against the most powerful member, the West German mark.

In Paris yesterday, a spokesman for French President Giscard d'Estaing pointed to the continuing upheavals on the exchange markets as a justification for the French franc's withdrawal from the float on Monday.

Yesterday, the French franc was weaker at 4.7150 to the dollar compared with 4.6850 Wednesday night — but there was little trading in the French currency.

Meanwhile, West Germany's determined resistance to this week's heavy market pressure for a revaluation of the mark showed the first modest signs of success.

The rush to buy marks continued on the foreign exchange markets despite firm official denials by the Bonn government and the German central bank of any impending revaluation. (Reuters, AP)

Soviets criticize Ford for giving up 'detente'

MOSCOW. — The Soviet Union finally made plain yesterday that it disapproves of President Ford's decision to talk of "peace through strength" instead of detente.

Seventeen days after Ford announced the change, the Soviet foreign affairs weekly "New Times" asked in an editorial if there was really any difference between the new formula and "policy from a position of strength" — a stance Soviet commentators frequently condemn.

"Surely it has not brought the authors of this concept anything except flops and failures like the defeat of the aggressors in Indochina," it said.

Without actually mentioning Ford by name, the editorial warned that those who made strength the sole basis for international relations doomed themselves to chasing after an illusory dominance.

"The Soviet Union suggests something else — peace through equal security, in other words, through detente (which itself is based precisely on the recognition of atomic, military parity)..." it declared. (Reuters)

Rockwell lists more Pentagon guests

WASHINGTON. — Rockwell International Corporation, a key U.S. defence contractor, on Wednesday released a list of 44 more Pentagon employees, including former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Thomas Moorer, who accepted trips to the firm's recreation facilities.

Rockwell said Moorer was one of several dozen military officials who accepted at least one trip to Rockwell's Wye Island hunting camp in eastern Maryland between 1972 and 1976.

SHIPS queue up at the Pacific entrance to the Panama Canal as a strike clogged traffic through the 80 kms. channel. The 700 employees are protesting against proposed job cutbacks and a wage freeze. (UPI)

Frank Church in presidential bid



Frank Church, on his visit to Israel in 1972.

IDAHO CITY, Idaho. — Sen. Frank Church entered the Democratic presidential race yesterday and said if elected he would put an end to a "leadership of weakness and fear."

Church, 51, rejected suggestions that it was too late for him to enter the race, even though he has missed the first five primaries, which have narrowed the field to Jimmy Carter, Henry Jackson, George Wallace and Morris Udall.

Church has said he would not become a candidate until the Senate Intelligence Committee, which he chaired, completes its inquiry into the CIA. The committee is now in the final stages of drafting its report. (UPI)

China raps USSR for imperialism on the high seas

TOKYO. — China said yesterday that many developing countries will renew their struggles against "maritime hegemonism" of the Soviet Union at a meeting of the third UN conference on the Law of the Sea. The meeting opened on Monday at the UN.

"The stubborn stand of the Soviet social-imperialism in the defence of its maritime hegemony has been completely laid bare and condemned by many countries of the Third World," said a Hsinhua News Agency article monitored in Tokyo.

"In order to contend for world hegemony and maritime resources with the other superpower," the article said the Soviet Union "had looked upon the scramble for seas and oceans as an important component part of its global strategy."

The Soviet Union has "rapidly built up and expanded a huge naval force and tried to establish military bases everywhere... it dispatches powerful 'fishing fleets' to engage in unbridled plunder of the coastal fish and seabed resources of other countries." (AP)

Separation for Margaret, Snowdon

LONDON. — Queen Elizabeth and her lawyers have drawn up a plan for a legal separation for Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon, who are now studying the proposals, Buckingham Palace sources said yesterday. (UPI)

COMPLAINT. — French Premier Jacques Chirac yesterday blasted what he termed "uncalled for" American intervention in French internal affairs as U.S. Ambassador Kenneth Rush met with Socialist leader Francois Mitterand, reportedly for the third time in 18 months. (UPI)

Around the world

Car-bomb kills two in Ulster

BELFAST. — A car bomb blew up outside a pub in Dunagran, Northern Ireland, on Wednesday night, killing two persons and injuring 47 others. The victims were Roman Catholics celebrating Patrick's Day, and the bomb is believed to have been set by terrorists.

In London, meanwhile, 1,000 policemen were assigned to ride underground trains, to foil bomb attacks by the Irish Republican Army, which already has set three bombs in the tubes.

Bid to kill Peron foiled

BUENOS AIRES. — An attempt on the life of President Isabel Peron was foiled by the police yesterday when they saw two persons place a bomb near her office just as Mrs. Peron was arriving by helicopter from her suburban residence, government sources said.

The two suspects fled when they saw the police. Security forces later reported that a powerful explosive was concealed inside a parcel.

Bombs exploded in at least seven Argentine cities on Tuesday and Wednesday, and the discovery of two bullet-riddled bodies raised this week's death toll in political violence to 18. Official sources blamed the bombings, at the homes and offices of local political and union leaders, on Montonero guerrillas, a leftist group that once supported the late President Juan Peron but which is hostile to the administration of his widow.

Nato employees stage strike

BRUSSELS. — Nato's 1,200 civilian employees held a one-day strike yesterday for the first time in the Western alliance's 26-year history. They were demanding higher salaries because of increases in the cost of living.

Informed sources said the demonstration did not affect Nato security because the staff had turned up at headquarters and would be available to work in an emergency. (Reuters)

First food in two weeks

MANILA. — Two men trapped for 14 days in the flooded tunnel of a gold mine in the southern Philippines yesterday received their first food — in plastic bottles lowered down an emergency air shaft. Rescue workers sent hard-boiled eggs, bananas and chicken soup on the 65-metre shaft to the miners, cut off on March 4 when rain caused the collapse of a ventilation shaft.

Rescue workers hope to reach the men by Sunday. In all five miners were trapped underground at Pacer Town, 10 kms. southeast of here, but three apparently drowned during the rescue. (Reuters)

\$1.4m. for Rosensaft's Gauguin

NEW YORK. — A record \$1.4m. was paid for an 1889 still by the French post-impressionist Paul Gauguin, sold at auction Wednesday.

The painting, "Nature Morte a l'estampe Japonaise," was one of 65 paintings from the estate of the late philanthropist Josef Rosensaft, Chairman of the World Federation of Bergen-Belsen Survivors who left debts running into millions of dollars. The collection realised \$6.6m. The largest sum previously paid for a Gauguin was \$900,000 last May. (Reuters)

Fusion mooted for power

WASHINGTON. — Recent scientific breakthroughs suggest that nuclear fusion can be developed for economical electricity by the year 2000, U.S. Government scientists told a joint Congressional hearing on Wednesday.

Robert Hirsch, acting assistant administrator of the Government's Energy Research and Development Administration, said a crash programme could produce a working fusion reactor by the late 1980s.

Fusion energy is produced when the nuclei of light hydrogen atoms are fused into larger nuclei. This process gives off enormous amounts of energy, but triggering it requires temperatures in the range of 50 million degrees. In the hydrogen bomb, such temperatures are reached by the detonating of an atomic bomb. But only recently, scientists have been unable even to approach such temperatures in the laboratory. (UPI)

CRIME. — Edgar Zimmerman, an African Jew who allegedly was one of France's top crime bosses, has been acquitted on charges of questrating a hotel owner and been released pending another trial — for opening fire on police who were going to arrest him. The case was about to settle with a rival group — but temperatures in the range of 50 sources said.

Bundestag member says:

Europe should encourage Israel-Arab projects

By BRIAN ARTHUR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
BONN. — Bundestag Deputy Heinz Westphal has made a plea for European assistance for regional co-operation between Israel and the Arabs. In an interview with the newspaper "Frankfurter Rundschau" yesterday, Westphal says he has the impression that Israeli officials are willing to consider concrete co-operation projects.

Westphal, who is head of the German-Israel Society, returned recently from Israel, where he had discussions with Foreign Ministry officials. He said such cooperation could not distract from the problems of a Middle East peace settlement, but might make a settlement easier.

Past wars show, he said, that Israel and the Arabs already have tacit understandings to spare certain key economic facilities from destruction, such as the ports at Eilat and Aqaba, and the oil pipe from Iraq. The German politician derives a certain optimism from these examples that European-sponsored co-operation between both parties in the Middle East would have a chance for success.

Westphal believes, however, that West German industry must make a special effort to help Israel. He insists that Arab boycott threats should not discourage German businessmen. "The German economy is strong enough to withstand such threats," he comments.

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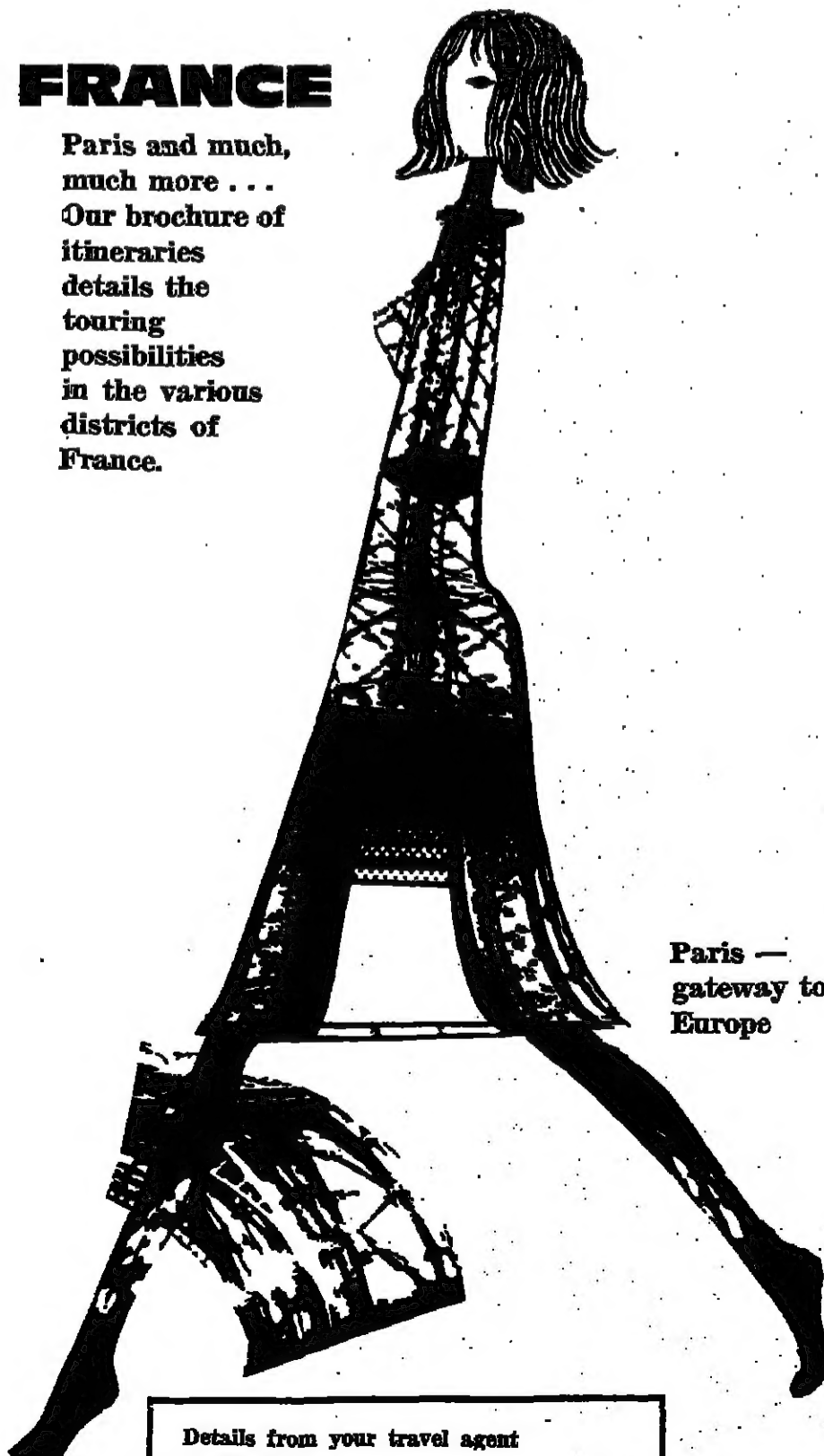


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By ILANA COVEN
Special to The Jerusalem Post

Gadi is giving us more than suspense-filled mime, though. He is sharing with us his personal wisdom

We, the audience, were amused and teased and held breath-taken. But we were also put to shame for our role of apathetic complicity in the death of the clown in modern society.

By CATHERINE ROSENHEIMER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The fact that such a large part of the team consists of women is not merely coincidental. The "new" more mature Nanit describes her show as being "a feminine angle on Women's Lib. — including a lot of songs by women and about women. Not women aggressively asserting their independence, but songs, for



TO MEET Ilanit off-stage is something of a surprise — and a very refreshing one. She is totally unaffected, unassuming and very, very nice. Petite, her blonde hair neatly swept back into a pony tail, she was simply and casually dressed in a red sweater and blue jeans skirt. It is hard to believe that this is the same singing star with a stage personality and voice capable of holding a Eurovision song contest audience of

By FRANK N. HAWKINS JR.

Schooling remains strongly segregated. The King Abdul Aziz University in Jeddah offers courses for both men and women. But boys study in the morning and girls in the late afternoon or evening. Male instructors are not permitted in the same classrooms with the girls — their lectures must be presented via closed-circuit television.

This is painfully obvious to many Saudis, but few Saudi women would

I for one am extremely curious to see just how the new 1978 brand Naniti will succeed on stage; Naniti who is now a wife and a mother, Naniti, formerly the natural Israeli folk singer, now the mature woman, the sophisticate, the seductive *chanteuse*. It will be a great tribute to her acting abilities if she can carry off such a chameleon change.

"My father listens to my telephone calls and opens my private mail, said one single girl. "Any move I make is questioned. My parents have the attitude I shouldn't enjoy myself before I'm married. They are afraid that a taste of freedom will make it difficult for me to adjust to marriage later." (AP)

CONDUCTOR Sidney Harth's beneficial influence on the orchestra could be easily recognized in the fresh, rich sounds emanating from the string section, particularly the cello, and, generally, the concert showed a good standard of performance. The Berlioz started like Prokofiev's symphony, the brass was on a C (Fusos contributed), but then clean and precise playing proved that the Berlioz score is nearly 140 years old — naïve romanticism, partly trivial in melodic invention, could not provide much excitement, though Sidney Harth tried very hard to bring out the best of the music. Mira Zakai sang the

Israeli composition.

Shoshana Rudiakov played the Weber with bravura and impeccable technical fluency, variable touch and appropriate musical emphasis, though the piece is so trivial that one wonders if any pianist should choose it for a public performance.

At the Prokofiev opened up all its stops and, under the watchful but spirited direction of Sidney Harth, the few excerpts from the Prokofiev Ballet were given a beautifully worked-out and precisely performed reading, which crowned the evening with an impressive and fitting climax.

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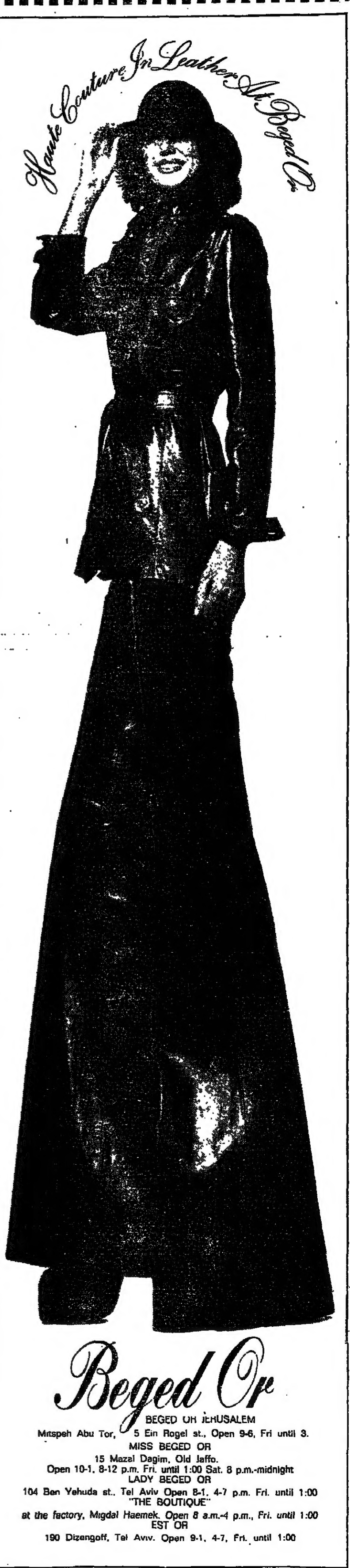
Stamp Column
By HARVEY D. WOLINETZ

Lack of space has limited the exhibition to 350 display frames of stamps. The exhibits will be entered in various competitive classes: youth, general, national, air mail and miscellaneous. There will also be a hors d'oeuvre display consisting of collections previously awarded prizes in past exhibitions. Medals and various other prizes will be awarded to winning entries.

One of the aims of "Netyanya 75" is to encourage displays by people who have never before participated in a competition. In all, 90 individuals will present their collections.

The exhibition itself will be held in the Ron Auditorium, 14 Stamper Street, Netanya. The opening ceremony will be held outside the hall if weather permits.

**The Fifth Page
next Monday.**



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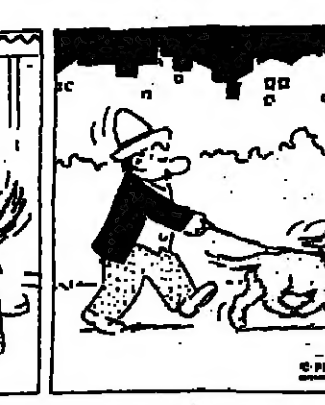
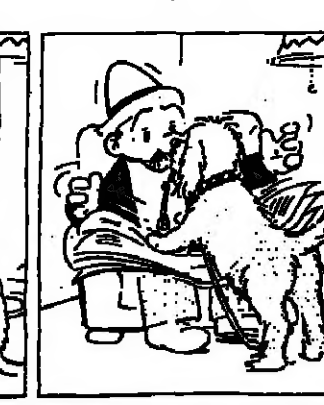
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Trying to reason with Israelis

In a concluding article on reactions of the confrontation states to the proposals of the Brookings Plan for a controlled step-by-step solution to the Arab-Israeli dispute, PROF. NADAV SAFRAN, a member of the Brookings panel, registers disappointment with the Israeli reactions which he heard. Prof. Safran, an Egyptian-born Jew, and since 1962 a naturalized U.S. citizen, lived in this country before going to the U.S. in 1950.

ALMOST invariably Israelis expressed reservations about the Brookings Plan in terms of a few familiar clichés. The plan, they said, required Israel to surrender permanently "tangible" security assets in exchange for "intangible" promises of peace which the Arabs may reverse at their convenience. The fact that the proposal is constructed of several interdependent parts, the logic of that interdependence, and the theoretical underpinnings of the "bottom line" all fell out of the minds of the interlocutors pressed the plan.

That kind of objection ignores the simple truth that hostility and the absence of it revert ultimately to "intangible" states of mind, which condition perception and determine action. Even the most "tangible" strategic assets and capabilities aim, in the final account, at modifying the enemy's mind, and providing a fall-back position in case of failure to achieve that. This is also what the proposal seeks to accomplish, but by different means: through a controlled process of normalization. That process does not depend on Arab promises alone, but is regulated by the pace of Israeli evacuation. Israel would not yield the last security assets, presumably those she would want otherwise to retain, until normalized relations are established "fact in the field," as they say in Israel.

Another simple notion advanced against the plan was that the Arabs are not yet ready for peace, let alone normalization. Many arguments were used to support this assertion, including Sadat's statement that real peace is for coming generations; however, discussion of the evidence often led to the final argument that the Arabs, really, have no reason at this time to want peace. Given the Arabs' belief that they won a great victory in the Yom Kippur War, given the actual enormous political successes they have scored since, and given their almost unlimited capacity to amass all the armaments they want, why should they be interested in a peace? At the most they may be interested in some kind of settlement on tactical grounds — in order to try to get back the territories on the chess, and place themselves in a better position to assault Israel at subsequent stages.

Through Arab eyes

This argument tries to understand Arab motivation by empathy, which is sound procedure, but it does not go far enough in that direction. A greater effort to look at matters through Arab eyes might have shown, for example, that the belief that they won a great victory in October 1973 may actually tell more about the extent to which they had previously felt impotent and hopeless, than it may tell about their assessment of the real military outcome of the war.

This line of inquiry, in turn, might have underscored that a position of weakness is not necessarily one that is most conducive to a desire to make peace. Dayan did not, after all, get the phone call he expected in June, 1967 — not even on tactical grounds — whereas in October, 1973, Sadat, and even the Syrians, formally agreed to enter into negotiations for peace. Israelis have been brought up on the valid conviction that the Arabs would not contemplate making peace as long as they could hope to destroy Israel. But this does not mean that they would not make peace unless they were powerless in the face of Israel.

THESE ARGUMENTS apart, the notion that "the Arabs" command vast resources which permit them to aim for the destruction of Israel betrays a lack of understanding of the dynamics of inter-Arab politics and of the effect of Israeli behaviour on these dynamics. "The Arabs" are not so much a single camp, as they are a collection of countries with diverse interests, held together by the confrontation with Israel. Once a resolution of the confrontation becomes possible, that coalition, like all war coalitions, is very likely to break up or assume different forms. Take, for example, Saudi Arabia:

The Saudis may hate Israel more than any other Arabs; but what they fear most is Arab radicalism and Soviet Communism and their exploitation of the Arab-Israeli conflict in order to establish themselves and extend their sway in the area. Because of this nexus, the continuation of the conflict placed the Saudis again and again before a painful dilemma. They could either choose to support their Arab "brethren" actively, and thus in effect help the radicals reinforce themselves militarily and the Soviets extend their penetration to the Saudis' own peril, while they clashed with their American natural and historical ally. Or else they could choose to hold back and see the radicals and their Soviet supporters turn upon them and instigate the rest of the Arab world against them as deserters of the Arab cause.

The Saudis felt compelled to try first one course, then the other, then a mixture of both. But their only way out of the dilemma, and the one they seem to be cautiously pursuing now, is to promote a settlement of the conflict. This would allow them to use their resources in order to promote economic development and conservative tendencies in the Arab countries, instead of spending them on financing the development of potentially hostile military powers and the consolidation of radical forces. It would also permit them to cultivate their relationship with the United States without being open to the charge of collaborating with the ally of the Arabs' enemy.

Israel should do its utmost to end the confrontation, instead of pursuing courses that may ensure its prolongation. Finally, the same people who argue against the proposal on the ground that the Arabs are too possessed of the sense of their own wealth and power do not seriously ask themselves the question where Israel will get the money from to hold its end of the arms race if the confrontation continues. Israel is already spending a crippling 36 per cent of its GNP on defence. Its citizens are saddled with the highest tax burden in the world, and it is already in need of American help to the tune of some two billion dollars a year. Continuation of the confrontation and the arms race will require further Israeli straining, and the doubling and redoubling of the American input in the next five or ten years in order to keep pace with the Arab side. A favourably disposed American Administration and Congress may come through the required bill if they feel that there is no alternative. But no Administration and no Congress are likely to be ready to provide such vast funds unless they believe that the Arabs are unwilling to make peace on terms they deem reasonable.

ANOTHER CONCERN expressed by some interlocutors is the problem of continuity of policy on the Arab side. Assuming the present leadership were indeed prepared to make peace, what assurance is there that other leaders might not take over and would repudiate the agreements and resume the confrontation and war? Against such an eventuality, these interlocutors insisted, Israel must have "defensible borders."

This argument reflects a tendency among many Israelis to play an intellectual trick on themselves. By concentrating on objections to alternative proposals, they implicitly credit the one they favour with merits that go unexamined. Assuming for a moment that reversal by future Arab leaders is a problem, what is the margin of security that would be provided against such an eventuality by three thin strips of territory along the Gulf of Agaba, the Jordan River, and the Golan Heights, which is the most that can be conceived in any settlement? Is the margin of security provided greater than some additional military formations or weapons could provide? Is it preferable to the kind of security provisions envisaged by the proposed plan, including an American-Israeli security pact? These are only examples of the kind of relevant questions involved; but Israelis have avoided them all by the simple device of calling the lines in question "defensible borders" or "security borders."

The problem of a possible Arab reversal, in connection with the proposed plan, is crucially affected by considerations of time and space. If the reversal were to occur before the proposed plan had been fully applied, then Israel would still be in possession of territorial security assets so that the situation would be no worse than under any alternative settlement. If after, this means that the process of normalization will have already been completed, including reduced military establishments, likely new alignments, economic interdependencies, new third party involvements, and so on. In addition, there would, in any case, be the deterrent of the American-Israeli security pact. All these factors would make it highly unlikely that the reversal would occur in several key Arab countries at once, which would leave the reversing country isolated and manageable. An inkling of what is meant may be had from the developments that took place in Egypt and the limitations they have placed on Syria after a mere limited interim agreement between Egypt and Israel.

"Self-determination"

The idea of "self-determination" for the Palestinians proposed by the plan encountered the strongest resistance even among interlocutors from the middle ranges of Israeli opinion. "Self-determination," it was argued, meant a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza, which meant a PLO-dominated state, which meant Soviet-supported Arab forces less than 10 miles from Netanya, and also Israeli planes taking off or landing almost anywhere being at the mercy of simple terrorists armed with shoulder missiles.

Explanations to the effect that the process of normalization by stages, controlled by gradual, conditioned withdrawal applied here too, and that these provisions made irrelevant the particular forms expressing Palestinian "self-determination" were dismissed on the spurious grounds that the PLO would never agree. Reiteration of the reasons the Jordanians cited in explaining why they did not fear a PLO state (see 2nd article), which are highly applicable to the Israeli case too, were dismissed as Jordanian rationalizations.

The conclusion is inescapable that Israelis have a lot of thinking to do if they are to avoid drifting into potentially disastrous waters. The thinking must begin with fundamental questions about the supreme objectives and priorities of Zionism at this historical juncture. What comes first — liberation of the land of Israel, or the liberation and redemption of the people of Israel? Those who seek the former should know that they are in fact telling the people that dwell in Israel that it should play all and risk all for the liberation of the land. Those who are not prepared to go along that road, should courageously draw the consequences and not allow attachment to bits of territory to cloud their judgment about the best options to achieve peace and security.

Christian Comment / Oikoumenikos

Christian-Jewish dialogue 'a common search for spirituality'

IN A ROUND-TABLE discussion at the end of the conferences, some of the Jewish and Christian participants reviewed the ten years since the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on the Jews (*Nostra Aetate* No.4) and the seven years of regular consultations between the IJCIC and WCC on the one hand and the Roman Catholic Church on the other. At the table were Fr. Pierre de Contenson, executive secretary of the Vatican Commission on Religious Relations with the Jews; Fr. Bernard Dupuy, secretary of the French Bishops' Committee for Relations with Judaism; Dr. Franz von Hammerstein, executive secretary of the WCC Commission on the Church and the Jewish People; Prof. Shmuel Yehonatan Talmon, dean of the faculty of humanities of the Hebrew University and chairman of the Jewish Council in Israel for Interreligious Consultations; and Dr. Paul Warshawsky, director of the World Jewish Congress office in Buenos Aires. The moderator was Rev. Coos Schoneveld, executive secretary of the Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity in Israel, who put the first question: What, in the ten years since the Second Vatican Council and the seven years of regular consultations, has been achieved, and what difficulties have been faced?

Talmon: The fact that we have established, on the international level, a common working group that meets regularly and can exchange opinions and information, should be considered as a step in the right direction. But we should ask: have we been radiating from this centre to communities, Christian and Jewish, in the world? Here I would say immediately that I am not satisfied about progress in this respect. But there have been some indirect results which I would like to point out. At least on the Jewish side we have become involved, almost on a global scale, in dialogues. There was, for example, that meeting in Colombo which was organized by the WCC with participants from five religions — Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Christianity and Judaism. There our Jewish contribution had an impact. While the term first chosen for the conference was "world community," in the end another term, which we had proposed, was selected: "community of communities." This implies that a world community cannot be composed of individuals who unite or try to co-operate, but rather of communities — of whatever configuration — which together should constitute a wider community.

de Contenson: Our Catholic Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews tries to represent the Roman Catholic Church, and not just the Vatican administration. The Roman Catholic Church is a unified structure, extending all over the world. In this respect there is an asymmetry between us and the WCC as far as dialogue with Jewish partners is concerned. The structure of the WCC is quite different, as it is composed of many different and autonomous Churches.

Since there is now an official framework within the Catholic Church for dialogue with the Jews, all members of the Catholic Church have to take this fact into account,

Delegations of the World Council of Churches (WCC) and of the Roman Catholic Church met in Jerusalem recently in consecutive conferences of three days each, with representatives of world Jewry, united in the IJCIC — "International Jewish Council for Inter-religious Consultations."

whether willingly or unwillingly. It imposes a new attitude to all people belonging to the Church. The very existence of our Commission, and of the liaison committee composed of Jews and Catholics, certainly has had an impact on anti-Semitism in the Church. One of the first results was the publication last year of the Guidelines for the implementation of the Vatican II declaration on the Jews.

What were the difficulties in the last few years? We had to discover what were the possibilities and the limits within our Church concerning the relations with Judaism. And this was not always easy. We are now engaged in a permanent, let us hope a developing, process of Jewish-Christian co-operation. Things that were impossible two or three years ago will perhaps be possible this year or next year.

Warshawsky: In the existence of our permanent channel of communication we have no doubt achieved something very important. But there are still some problems.

As a matter of fact, dialogue does not rank very high in the list of priorities, either in the Catholic Church or in the Jewish world. This affects those who are actually engaged in dialogue on both sides, and creates quite a number of difficulties for them. There is another problem. Jews are on the whole a Western people, while neither the WCC nor the Roman Catholic Church represents only Western Christians. But our dialogue has taken place only on the Western level. Therefore we have to broaden the encounter between Jews and Christians from the geographical viewpoint as well.

Von Hammerstein: For years the Christian-Jewish dialogue was very much a North Atlantic affair. We looked at the problems more or less from a European or an American perspective. Now, during the last ten years, certainly in the WCC, not only have many Orthodox Churches joined the World Council, and many Third World Churches from Africa and Asia, but they have had a lot of influence in it — influence which is necessary and normal, because they represent a large part of Christianity. So our task now is to bring them into this dialogue.

Talmon: We should recognize quite clearly that we are dealing, in the Jewish-Christian encounter, with a meeting between a huge majority

and a small minority in the world, despite the fact that here in Israel the situation has been reversed. Further, we must realize that to prepare to engage in meeting people of another faith and to require a certain inclination, predisposition to do so. The inclination of mankind is not so inclined, and insofar as it exists, the inclination is found more in the West than in other parts of the world, cannot overlook the fact that as regards to Christianity, the Jewish position remains to a large extent defensive posture. Jews are still their guard, for instance, against the possibility that Christianity assumes that missionary work which we know is part and parcel of the Christian heritage. For a reason, the dialogue will remain restricted, on the Jewish side, those people who have no confidence in their own existence and existential role, who can not open up to such encounter without feeling endangered by it. So here Israel plays an important role. The psychological and political security — as far as political security exists — which the Jew has in Israel gives him, more than in other countries, the possibility of meeting on a basis of equality, without a need for a certain confidence.

The main interest for us as Jews must lie in the fact that our Christian partners become channels for us to reach out to Christian authorities and to Christian communities on levels, so that they may communicate to Christians how Jew want to be identified, make the sensitive to our problems and concerns.

What can a Christian partner, the dialogue expect from his Jewish counterpart? Much less — because anti-Christian feelings with Judaism had no respite which even comparable with those brought about by anti-Jewish attitudes in Christianity. We undoubtedly have the obligation to combat the misrepresentation of Christian faith in history, but in general, we are "demanders." We are asking more of the Christian Churches than they should demand of us.

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Von Hammerstein: We should think in terms of demands, rather of a common search for spirituality. And this relationship somehow to our common roots, not only to the roots. There exist deep spiritual bond between Christianity and Judaism. As Jews and Christians, we should engage studying together issues of common concern. We have proposed studying the attitude towards the Christian Jewish and Christian tradition, especially in view of the huge advances in technology and science, which have become a threat to nature and mankind. In studying together we may learn from each other and enrich each other as well ourselves.

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Labour's uncertain partner

ADDING fuel to the fires already simmering under Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, the political committee of Mapam this week served notice that unless it is seen as a serious partner it will leave the Labour Alignment. The deadline apparently is the Mapam Convention in June. A temporary compromise decision to stay in the Alignment was formulated by the party's secretary-general, Meir Talmi. But it provides impressive evidence of the shift in opinion within Mapam in the direction of opting out of the Alignment framework.

Mapam's original decision to join the Alignment in 1969, was opposed by a large minority of the more doctrinaire leftist and younger elements of the party. But the arguments adduced by the party's veteran leaders, Meir Ya'ari and Ya'acov Hazan, in favour of aligning with Labour in a joint parliamentary bloc, carried the day.

The main argument urged in favour of Mapam's entry into the Alignment in 1969 and remaining there in 1973 — when the issue was raised again — was that the most important political task confronting the party during that period was to prevent the Labour Party from being taken over by Moshe Dayan and Rafi "hawks." A second reason generally left unsaid, was the fear that Mapam outside the Alignment would not be able to retain its seven to eight Knesset seats. Labour was prepared to guarantee it that number of safe seats as part of an Alignment agreement.

Today, however, the counter arguments of the internal opposition have gained force. Its warning that Mapam would be a very junior partner has come true. The serious internal weakening of the Labour Party as a cohesive political framework has also served to shunt Mapam aside. It has generally been ignored and its policy positions on foreign affairs and even more so on social and economic policies in a period of belt-tightening, have had relatively little impact.

Some of Mapam's internal critics also fear that the dilution of the party's doctrinal image will drive younger members and other potential voters into the arms of splinter left groups — such as Moked.

Certainly it is not simple for a party historically doctrinaire left to live easily with the inevitable compromises deriving from governmental power and budgetary constraints: witness Health Minister Victor Shemtov's difficulties in accepting the Government's current budget proposals and restrictive economic policies.

But if Mapam were ultimately to decide to leave the Alignment it would not in fact be a threat either to the Labour Party or to Mapam itself. Labour would largely retain its power positions and Mapam would in any case select to remain in a Labour coalition to block the Likud.

Alignments and parliamentary blocs such as the Likud are desirable if they serve as way-stations on the way to full political unity. If they do not lead to the creation of united parties within a reasonable time they tend to confuse the political map and the electorate which must contend with increasingly ambiguous and meaningless party lists at election time.

It is, perhaps, then, all to the good, if Mapam finally forces itself to face the alternatives of either joining the Labour Party and fighting for its views from within the party, or of striking out again on its own.

Dry Bones



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Syrian encouragement

DAVAT (Hizadut), noting that, for the first time on Wednesday fighting between Moslem and Christian forces broke out in Lebanon in the vicinity of Israel's border, believes that "in the south at least, the terrorists and the Iraqi forces in this area not only are encountering no interference from the Syrians, but are actually being encouraged by them." The paper gives little credit to Syria's claim that it is seeking a non-violent solution to the present crisis to enable President Frangieh to resign honourably. Pierre Jumell's welcoming the Syrian

"mediation effort" was only acknowledgement of the fact that Syria now controls 80 per cent of the army and para-military forces in Lebanon, the paper says. "Israel must not only keep an alert watch on developments across the Lebanese border but also pay special attention to the unrest in the West Bank. Even though this is ostensibly of local significance sooner or later these sectors of incitement may join together to form a single front. A firm stand is therefore required of the military government and the security forces."

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THE COMPARISON to Jim Callaghan is irresistible this week. Haim Zadok radiates that same air of soft-spoken solidity, that same aura of experienced self-confidence, which characterize the man who will probably be Britain's next prime minister.

Above all, Zadok, like Callaghan, has the natural facility and political acumen to avoid making enemies. He steers a careful course through the turbulent Labour Party, not shirking the issues, but managing somehow to stay clear of collisions.

Not a leader of men, he does not inspire intense personal commitment, as Allon or Dayan used to. And not being a powerful party boss in the Sapir mould, he does not attract sycophantic reverence.

Rather, he engages latent respect, potential support, among a growing number of Labourites. More and more people are coming to regard him as a good choice for premier — should the need to choose arise again. Others whose first preference would be another man, see Zadok as their next-best.

Asked about his hopes and prospects, Zadok assumes the proper air of embarrassment, and asserts: "I am not presently aspiring to the premiership..." I pounce on "presently," but he craves it with a wave of the hand. "Rub out 'presently' if you like; I meant nothing by it."

The key-word, of course, is not "presently," but "aspiring." "Aspiring" is capable of such a wide range of meaning, from the most active and determined longing to the most passive and innocuous day-dreaming.

In the first sense, Zadok was no doubt being honest enough (though some might claim he detected some rather active politicking on his part of late). Our conversation was on Wednesday afternoon. Forty-eight hours earlier, Jim Callaghan would have been able to make precisely the same statement with the same clear conscience and ingenuous honesty. He too was not actively scheming to replace the Prime Minister. And yet, overnight, he was a declared candidate, with the best chance of winning, building his campaign on that easy-going, confident, likeable image which he had evolved over the long years of "not aspiring."

Of course Israel is not England. The difference in political norms was graphically illustrated by the knee-jerk reaction of some Israeli pundits to Wilson's surprise retirement announcement. A ploy, they opined, with all the twisted wisdom of Israel's parochial levantineism: a transparent manoeuvre — he wants them to beg him to come back....!

POSTSCRIPTS

THE SERIES of articles by Prof. Nadav Salari (continued elsewhere in this issue) has been the subject of a number of reactions to the Brookings Report led one of our readers, Prof. Saul Sigelschiffer of Hoid, to send us the following table — with apologies to Aesop.

The Fox and the Porcupine
THE WOLF had tried several times to eat the porcupine but was frustrated by its quills. Enraged, he stormed through the forest howling day and night, giving the other animals no rest and threatening to continue to do so until he could eat the porcupine.
So the animals called a council and decided that the fox should convince the porcupine to allow itself to be eaten. The fox hastened to the porcupine and said:
"Why do you always raise your quills when the wolf approaches? Don't you know that the wolf is a very fine animal? All the other animals like him and would do anything for him. Why should you be different?"
"Because he wants to eat me," said the porcupine.
"That's nonsense," replied the fox. "If you show that you trust him, he won't eat you."
"How do you know?" asked the porcupine.
"That's the impression I got when I last spoke to him."

"Well, what do you think I should do?" asked the porcupine, eager to be friendly.

"Put your head in his mouth, to show you trust him."

"But his teeth are very long and very sharp," protested the porcupine.

"Bah, they're not as long or sharp as some animals think," returned the fox. "The impression I got was that they had many defects and were quite brittle."

"Nevertheless, I still wouldn't like to put my head in the wolf's mouth," said the porcupine.

"You could do it gradually, a little at a time," advised the fox. "My impression is that the wolf would be very peaceful and you would have no need to use your quills."

"But suppose the wolf were to snap his jaws shut. My quills would be altogether useless then," said the porcupine. "No, thank you, I value my head too much to trust it to your impressions."

IT IS A PLEASURE to learn that three adventurous young men are trying to turn the clock back. Instead of working their fingers to the bone to earn enough money to travel faster than sound by Concorde, they are planning a round-the-world trip on horseback which will take them four years.

READERS' LETTERS

Excellent coverage

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
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ed at times only by "Commentary." Your candid reports of internal Israeli events brings the country to life for someone half a world away.
WARREN S. POLAND
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The reluctant aspirant



Haim Zadok with Golda Meir — is she ready to swallow a certain distrust? (Rahamin Israeli)

By David Landau

Some observers see his inclusion in the "forum" as a sign that he is being groomed by Mapam as the faction's first-string candidate should Rabin continue to falter. This theory assumes that, when it comes to the crunch, the Mapam stalwarts will balk at the prospect of a Shimon Peres premiership, and look among their own for a man to fight and beat him.

The assumption is almost certainly valid in the case of Golda Meir. Her hostility towards Peres has not been blunted with passing years. "If Peres, then why not Dayan?" she reportedly asked a friend two weeks ago.

Her primary aim, the pundits say, in returning to active politics, is to protect Rabin's flank from Peres. If this fails, and Rabin continues to fade, the second-line defence would be to rally the party centre around Zadok. She would have to swallow a certain distrust she has always harboured for Zadok (because of his pronounced dovishness?). But, rather than say those who know her, than acquiesce to Peres.

Zadok listens to all this gossip speculation with unconcealed interest — and most properly again, makes carefully non-committal noises. He was not surprised, he says, to be invited to join the "forum." The invitation came from the Prime Minister and, as far as he is concerned, the decision to be the Prime Minister's. His relations with Golda are admittedly cool, and always have been. He has only

visited her once since her retirement. But there is certainly no spite or bitterness.

With Rabin, he says, he has "a satisfactory working relationship." A source close to the Premier said he thought Rabin's ties with the Justice Minister had been growing closer of late. But if they have, Zadok has not felt them. The "satisfactory working relationship" has continued on a more or less even keel throughout, he says. (The Rabin source said the Premier seemed to have grown progressively less suspicious of, and reserved towards, his smooth-talking and able Justice Minister.)

There is certainly nothing of the close collusion the near-indispensability, which marked the ties between the two men's predecessors: Golda Meir and Ya'acov Shimshon Shapira.

THE PERSONALITIES here are of course very different; Rabin especially is not driven by the gregarious need to confide in others. There is no kitchen cabinet. But there has been a "negotiating team" of top ministers whose activities far transcended specific negotiations. Interminable strife has pretty much paralyzed this team of late, and Mr. Rabin indeed pronounced it formally dead at a cabinet meeting a fortnight ago. Haim Zadok was never a member of it. He was brought into the Kissinger shuttle talks whenever specifically legal matters were at issue; but he was not kept abreast of the day-to-day cable traffic and other diplomatic developments which are the necessary background material for informed policymaking.

Plainly, Zadok would like to play

a greater part in foreign policy, present ambition," he says. "It is a good justice minister, and to be a justice minister is the best I can do in all areas of Cabinet work."

What the cynics see as an and far-sighted facility for "keeping his nose clean, not taking sides, giving offence," Zadok regards his natural trait of perspicacity coupled with the weighty responsibility of being Justice Minister.

"I do try to think matters through before forming a judgement, I mean that doesn't mean I'm equivocal, I think I've been very clear on every major issue." He reads some of them. He had not been afraid of "daring my nose" to press censorship. He was the Labour Party minister opposed guaranteeing convention seats party functionaries (shiryon), was strongly against any deal with the Sabastia settlers.

He had been the first to favor civilian supervision of defence spending. He had opposed, on grounds of legal aesthetics, Rabin's wish to have Yosef Almog join the government while retaining mayoralty. He had solidly opposed retrospective legislation in the Yom case, despite the public hysteria, had fearlessly prosecuted Yehosh Peres. And he has consistently favoured negotiations with Jom and never concealed his dovish views in Cabinet discussions.

"But I am very particular about the principle of collective responsibility and the duty of a minister to publicly criticize a cabinet decision or action."

"That's why my positions Cabinet debates are not leaked, publicized. But that doesn't mean I don't take strong positions."

Of course, by not emphasizing public his views on controversial issues, Zadok conveniently avoids the cynics would say, the need to take sides, to fight publicly against others who have different views; are less restrained about expressing them to the media. In the long run, though, Zadok's reticence prove to pay better dividends to others' garrulity.

There is one other respect in which the comparison with Jim Callaghan almost begs itself: both are "relatives" of the other contents Callaghan's 64 years are considerable in Britain his major drawback is a young-looking 52. If elections are held on schedule, 1977, he, too, will be 64.

"Yes, I think 64 is rather old," Prime Minister," he remarks. The cynic: "No, better not say it. It will seem as though I am reticently questioning Golda's premiership."

PORTION OF THE WEEK

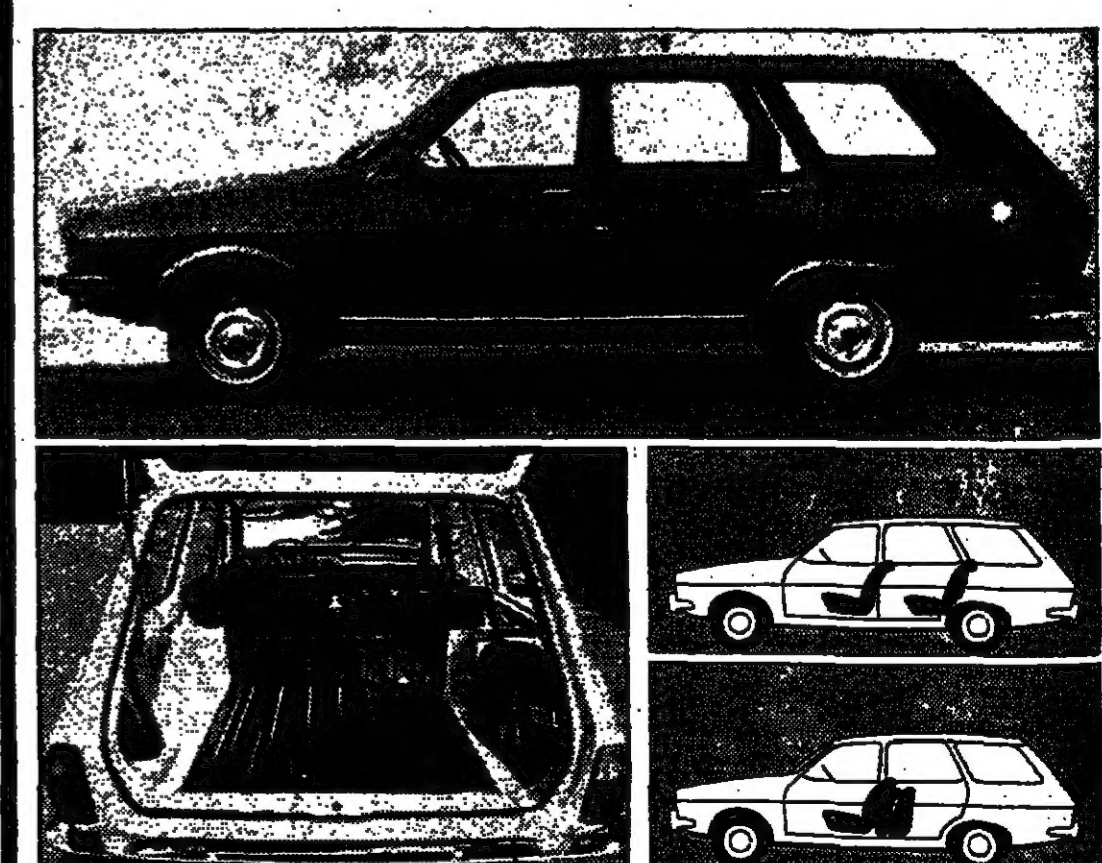
A thank-offering of words

Portion of the Week: Sidra: Tazav (Leviticus 6:1-5:6)
"IF HE PRESENTS it as a Thank-offering" (Leviticus 7:12) — See how Blessed Holy One forgives the Jews their sins and is sparing of their lives. He said: Whoever has a spare bullock shall offer a bullock; whoever has a spare ram shall offer a ram; whoever has a spare lamb shall offer a lamb; whoever has a spare dove shall offer a dove. Whoever has only one of these shall bring meal. And whoever has no meal or anything else to bring words, for it is said (Ezekiel 14:3): "Bring words and come back God" (Tanhuma, Tazav, 8, Baber edition; Vayikra Rabba 6:4).

RABBI YAMNAI was out walking and met an elegantly dressed man, asked him to do him the honour of dining with him. The man accepted invitation. After dining and writing him, Rabbi Yamnai tried to engage him in a discussion of Scripture, but the man was unable to respond. Rabbi Yamnai again no response. Aggadah (homiletics) — still no response. Talmud — response. Rabbi Yamnai asked him to lead the saying of Grace, and guest replied evasively: "Let Yamnai lead the Grace in his home." Rabbi Yamnai said: "Are you capable of repeating after me?" "Yes," said the man. Rabbi Yamnai said: "Then say: 'A dog has partaken of Yama food.'" The man said: "Would you deprive me of my heritage?" "How?" Rabbi Yamnai asked. The man said: "Once I passed by a school and saw the children reciting: 'Moses commanded us a Tora, as a possession for the assembly of Jacob' (Deuteronomy 33:4). The assembly of Jacob, not the assembly of Yama!" Rabbi Yamnai said: "What have you done to say to eat at my table?" The man replied: "I have never repeated gossip, nor have I ever come across two people quarrelling that I didn't stop the quarrel and bring about a reconciliation between them." Rabbi Yamnai said: "Man of such ethical force, and I called you 'dog'?" (Vayikra Rabba 6:4).

IN TOMORROW'S Haftara (Ezekiel 36:16-38; Parashat Para) we read: will take the heart of stone from your body and... put My spirit into you. You shall live in the land which I gave your ancestors; you shall be My people and I shall be your God."

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